

COUNTRY East GermanyTOPIC Schorfheide Airfield

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1. Between 31 October and 9 November 1952, about 1,100 German and Russian workers were employed at Schorfheide airfield. 25X1
the workers who were detached to Granienburg airfield were expected to return to Schorfheide subsequently. After their arrival, work was to be accelerated in Schorfheide.

2. A barbed fence was being erected along the way between forest districts (Jagen) Nos 224/190 and 223/198. The staked-off strip, 100 meters wide, was generally referred to as the runway. This strip was not extended beyond the Vietmannsdorf-Cross-Doelln road in Jagen No 193. 25X1

25X1 45 surveying markers instead of 39 were set up along the strip. The markers were 40 meters apart. The strip between markers 1 and 16 was crossed out in red color on a sketch in the construction bureau. Construction on this strip was probably cancelled. The construction plan did not indicate that the strip was to be extended toward the east.¹ 25X1

the strip was not to be excavated to a depth of 80 cm as originally planned but to a depth of 20 cm and a width of 80 meters. 25X1
this change was ordered to complete the runway more quickly. Two caterpillar tractors with coupled blades were used. The blades were set to excavate to a depth of 20 cm. Each of them had a capacity of 8 cubic meters of earth which was deposited south of the strip. Work was started at marker No 16 and continued to the east. The cement storage sheds were not yet completed. However, it was planned to start concreting in late November if the cement had arrived. Six additional tractors with blades were expected to arrive.² 25X1

3. It was originally planned to lay a spur track through meadows north of Grunewald. However, this plan was rejected because the area was too marshy. According to a recent plan, the spur track was to extend south of Grunewald. The clearing of woods was in progress, and the laying of a gravel embankment was started in some spots. Ties but no rails were hauled to the site by truck. 25X1
25X1 the spur track was to be put into operation on Stalin's birthday on 21 December 1952.³

25X1 1. 25X1 Comment. It appears that the two ends of the runway have not yet been determined. According to the previous construction plan, the runway will be 1,800 meters long. It is doubted whether this will be the final length of the runway. Extensions to the west and east are possible. For sketch of runway, see Annex.

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2. [redacted] Comment. It was previously reported that concrete sheds are to be erected in Jagen 192. [redacted]

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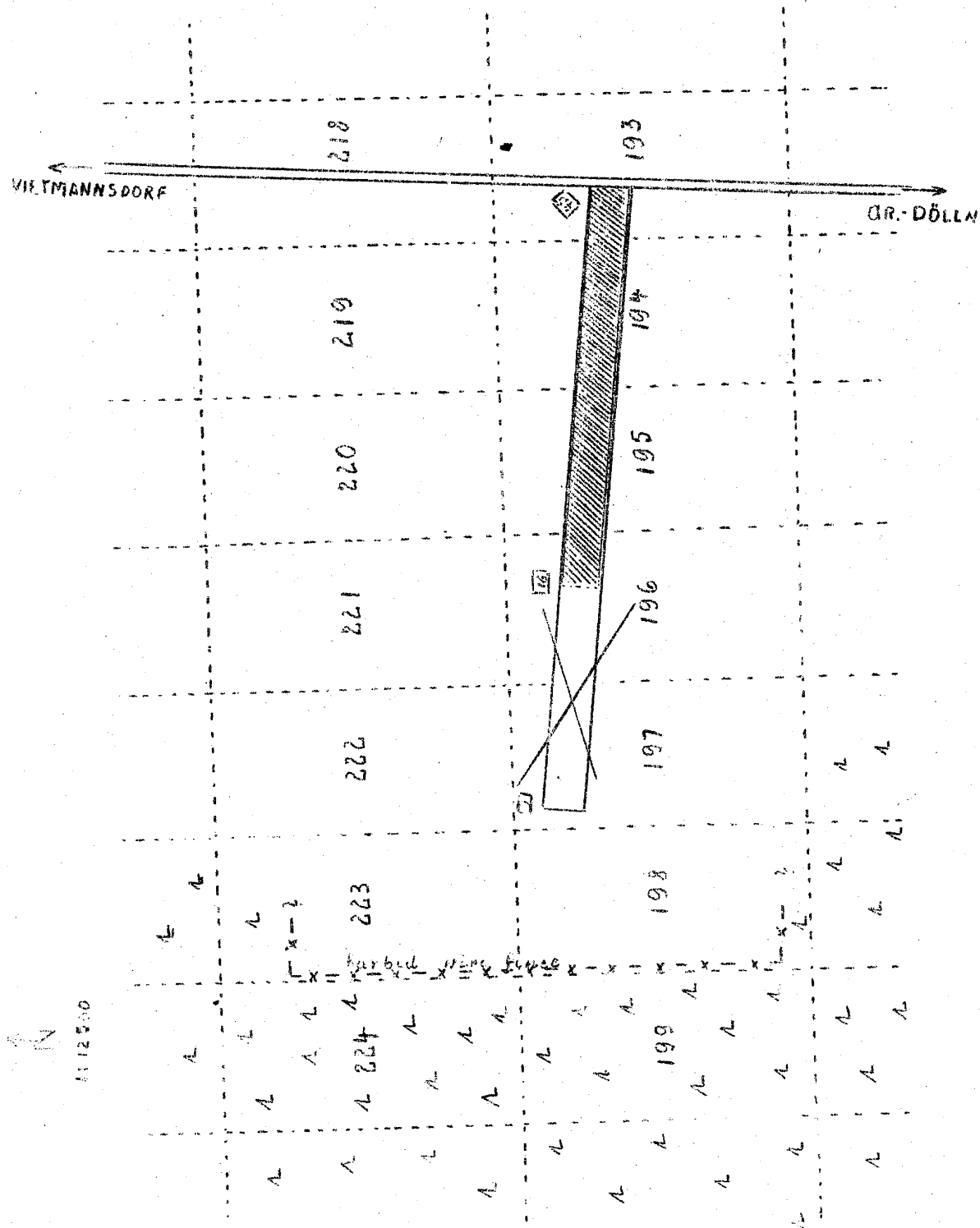
3. [redacted] Comment. A sketch of the original course of the spur track was forwarded previously. [redacted]

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Staked-Off Strip, Probably Runway, at Schorfheide Airfield



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